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Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application as well as the number of applications withdrawn in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2010, 2011 and 2012, there were 766, 618 and 682 applications respectively for transfer of restaurant licences, of which 17, five and two were subsequently withdrawn. The average time for processing the applications in 2010, 2011 and 2012 was 40, 41 and 46 working days respectively.

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